नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) : (क) और (ख) तेल वर्ष (नवम्बर–अक्तूबर) 1993–94 के दौरान देश में खाद्य तेलों का अनुमानित उत्पादन, 67.20 लाख मीटरी टन की अनुमानित मांग के मुकाबले 61.70 लाख मीटरी टन था । वित्तीय वर्ष 1993–94 के दौरान सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए राज्य व्यापार निगम द्वारा 51,04 करोड़ रुपए मूल्य के 41,965 मी. टन खाद्य तेल का आयात किया गया था । वर्ष के दौरान यू.एस.एड के तहत राज्य व्यापार निगम को उपहार स्वरूप अपरिष्कृत सोयाबीन के तेल की भी 37,000 मी. टन मात्रा प्राप्त हुई थी सरकार की निर्यात और आयात नीति के तहत 5 कि. ग्रा. तक के उपभोक्ता पैकों में चुने हुए खाद्य तेलों के निर्यात की अनुमति है। निर्यात की मात्रा न्यूनतम है और निर्यात की गई वास्तविक मात्रा के ब्यौरे उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ।

(ग) राज्य व्यापार निगम के पास 1–4–1993 और 31–12–1993 को खाद्य तेल का स्टाक निम्नवत था :—

(मात्रा मी.टन में)

तारीख	आर.बी.डी. पामोलीन	अपरिष्कृत सोयाबीन तेल
1–4–93	5820	21917
31–12–93	32163	—

(घ) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के लिए राज्य व्यापार निगम द्वारा खाद्य तेल की खरीद लागत, बीमा, भाड़ा आधार पर अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार से की जाती हैं। इन प्रभारों में से प्रत्येक की कीमत अलग से उपलब्ध नहीं है । वस्तुओं जिनमें खाद्य तेल शामिल हैं, के निर्यात हेतु सेवा प्रभारों में अलग-अलग पत्तनों और भिन्न-भिन्न वस्तुओं के मामले में अन्तर होता है । प्रत्येक किस्म के लिए खाद्य तेलों के देशीय मूल्य भिन्न-भिन्न हैं ।

HRA case of BIS

7571. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that house rent allowance case of the employees of Bureau of Indian Standards is pending with Finance Ministry and Finance Ministry is awaiting for Vth Central Pay Commission recommendations; and

(b) if BIS does not come in purview of Vth Central Pay Commission then the reasons for the case being pending till Vth CPC recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) As BIS employees accepted a package of pay and allowances including HRA on the basis of Fourth Central Pay Commission recommendations. Ministry of Finance has advised to wait for Vth Central Pay Commission report before any change in the HRA is considered.

Laboratories of BIS

7572. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that laboratories of Bureau of Indian Standards are well equipped and each machine costs lacs of Rupees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some machines are not utilised even for a single day; and

(c) steps taken to commercialise BIS labs to earn more revenue?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the equipments are highly specialised and costly.

(b) Yes, Sir. Two low value equipments in Calcutta Laboratory could not be utilised because of lack of response from the manufacturer to BIS Certification Marks Scheme which is voluntary in nature. and three high value equipments in Central Laboratory. Sahibabad could not be put to use because of lack of uninterrupted power supply.

(c) As a small beginning towards commercialisation, calibration facilities in BIS Laboratories would be available for commercial purpose to earn more revenue for BIS.

Purchase of residential flats by BIS

7573. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau of Indian Standards have purchased residential flats at various stations for Groups A officers only;

(b) whether TA. DA rules are also relaxed to give maximum benefit to Group A officers; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal from BIS for amendment of regulation governing TA/DA of all categories of BIS employees is under consideration of the Government.

Quality system standard for BIS

7574. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIS is following any applicable international quality system standard for its own functioning; and

(b) if so, which Quality System document exists in Bureau of Indian Standards?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) BIS has adopted quality system and quality assurance standards as well as guidelines established by International Organization for Stadardization (IS). International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the European Union.

(b) BIS maintains Quality System Mannual and related Procedures, Guidelines and Formats as per requirements of IS/IEC Guide 40 and EN 45012.

BIS as a Scientific Organisation

7575. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau of Indian Standards is declared as Scientific organisation; and

(b) if so, which activities of BIS are scientific and who is doing scientific activities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The following core activities of BIS are scientific in nature:

(1) Formulation of National Standards.

(2) Laboratory Management.

(3) Product Certification, and

(4) Quality System Certification

In addition all technical support services related to the core activities are also deemed as scientific.

These activities are being carried out by numbers of scientific cadre of BIS who possess a minimum qualification of Post Graduate Degree in Natural Scien-